

APPROVED

**Fauquier County Board of Supervisors’
Public Safety Committee
January 17, 2023**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Public Safety Committee Chairman, Chris Butler, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Introduction of Participants

Present were:

- Mr. Chris Butler, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors (Lee District)
- Mr. Rick Gerhardt, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors (Cedar Run District)
- Mr. Scott Hook, Commonwealth Attorney
- Ms. Erin Kozanecki, Deputy County Administrator
- Chief Darren Stevens, DFREM
- Lt. Colonel Chad Brubaker, FCSO
- Mr. Mike Gilliam, Assistant Chief, DFREM
- Mr. Tom Marable, FRA President
- Ms. Lisa Henty, Office of Management and Budget
- Joelle Kight, FCSO
- Ms. Shel Douglas, Department of Social Services
- Ms. Angela Gibson, Department of Human Resources
- Ms. Carrie Horvath, Department of Human Resources
- Mr. Kenneth Neam, DFREM
- Mr. Tom Pavelko, Staff

3. Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

Supervisor Butler moved for approval of the current agenda and the minutes of the October 4, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Gerhardt.

4. Communications Committee Updates

Joell Kight from the Sheriff's Office Communications Division, presented 911 call data for the month of January 2023. There were no additional comments or discussion on this report. She also advised they are recruiting for three vacant positions in the Communications Division. Meeting minutes from the Communications Committee were reviewed. Ms. Kight indicated they are still addressing some radio system issues and hiring a consultant for the new CAD replacement. Supervisor Butler inquired if Harris Corp. was addressing the major radio system issues and the status of a total replacement. Ms. Kozaneki advised that Harris Corp. has made some concessions and they have also begun the discussion on what a total replacement would entail. Mr. Butler reiterated his desire to move away the current system due to safety and reliability issues.

5. Station Staffing

Mr. Butler initiated the discussion citing some recent rescue calls that were more critical in nature. He indicated that in addition to the safety of public safety personnel, quality customer service to the citizens is a priority and that any staffing issues should be addressed. Chief Stevens stated that the Orleans station and a few others are working with limited staffing resources at this time due to fewer volunteers unlike the larger stations. He also discussed some possible solutions to address the staffing shortages. Further discussion ensued on the ability to utilize resources from other stations if needed. Several different staffing scenarios in the short term and long term were suggested which included additional career employees and rotating staff between stations to fill the gaps in coverage. Supervisor Butler asked that all parties work together on creative solutions until further discussions among the B.O.S. are held during the upcoming budget cycle. Supervisor Gerhardt suggested exploring software that will provide real time staffing resources at any given time.

6. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Supervisor Butler called for adjournment at 7:10 p.m. Generally concurred.

Given under my hand this 27th day of January 2023.

Thomas S. Pavelko, Staff to the Public Safety Committee